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SUBJECT: APPROACHES TO GOI ON ABDUCTED AMERICANS

1. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED FROM FRENCH EMBASSY OFFICER THAT USG HAS APPROACHED GOF WITH REQUEST THAT GOF MAKE DEMARCHE TO GOI ON SUBJECT OF TWO USG EMPLOYEES ABDUCTED IN BEIRUT.

2. I BELIEVE THIS IS SOUND TACTIC AS BOTH FRENCH AND IRAQI GOVERNMENTS CURRENTLY TRYING HARD TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE OTHER. IF DEPT. HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO, I RECOMMEND WE MAKE SIMILAR APPROACHES THROUGH YUGOSLAVS AND EGYPTIANS. THEY BOTH HAVE CAPABLE AND RELATIVELY WELL CONNECTED AMBASSADORS IN IRAQ AND BAGHDAD IS CURRENTLY ON GOOD TERMS WITH BELGRADE AND CAIRO.

3. PLEASE KEEP ME INFORMED ON THIS SUBJECT VIA CODED TELEX. OUR CODING AND DECODING PROCEDURES ARE SLOW BUT SECURE AND OUR TELEX LINES HAVE BEEN OPEN DURING RECENT DAYS. CODED OR UNCODED MESSAGES CAN BE ALSO SENT VIA BRITISH EMBASSY WHICH HAS EXCELLENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS.

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